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The Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C.
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Dear Sir:

Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/679,353
For: UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER
Filed: October 5, 2000
Art Group Unit 1744
Applicant: Conrad et al.

This correspondence is responsive to the Notice of Allowability dated January 21, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. As required by the Examiner's amendment, attached to Notice of Allowability, we enclose herewith 1 sheet of formal drawing.

The completed Issue Fee Transmittal forms are being filed simultaneously herewith, under separate cover.

If additional fees are required, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2095.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Mendes da Costa", written over a horizontal line.

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